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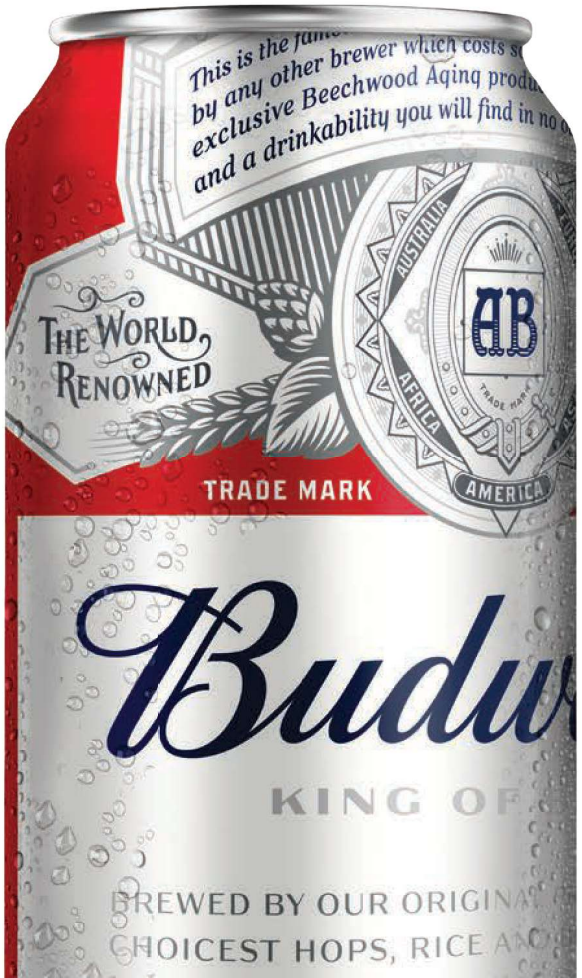

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THAT'S A WRAP

2021 SEASON IN REVIEW

BY BRANDON WEISS

While in many aspects the hockey world is eager for a return to what was before the 2020-21 season, the Flames will look to continue adding to what they've only just started building.

A March coaching change began a retool, with Darryl Sutter returning to the Calgary bench to lead the team in a new direction. Turning a ship takes time, but with wins in four of Calgary's last five games to punctuate the pandemic-impacted campaign, it's full steam ahead into the offseason.

"There's an adjustment for a lot of players any time you have a coaching change," said Flames general manager Brad Treliving following a season in which the team finished 26-27-3. "We'll sit and evaluate and dive deeper. Darryl and I have to spend some time to dig into it, but I thought overall, from a team standpoint, you can win with that team game that we got to. What we didn't do was score enough, but if I look at the broad picture from Darryl's time here, our checking game became much tighter, we gave up a lot less, we played a style that you need to play to have success at the most important time of the year."

Sutter rejoined the Flames on March 4 for his second stint as head coach with the club, and after clearing COVID-19 protocols was able to join the team a week later. Calgary won four of its first five contests under the new coach and recorded a hat-trick of three-game win streaks under his direction.

"There was a big adjustment that had to be made in terms of individuals, how they prepared, in terms of how they train, how they practice," said Sutter about the foundation the club was able to lay in the second half of the season. "We came a long way in that in terms of work ethic. That's something that we'll for sure take into next year is playing faster and being able to execute at a higher pace, being more of a team, being more of a collective group instead of just a collection of individuals."

While the Flames finished four points out of a third consecutive postseason berth, there were some notable moments.

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>
> Head Coach Darryl Sutter

There were career accomplishments, such as milestone games for Milan Lucic (1,000 games played), Mark Giordano (900 games played) and Mikael Backlund (700 games played).

There were strong team performances against Scotia North Division foes, including a combined 13-6-0 mark against the Canadiens and Canucks.

There were strong individual performances, such as Johnny Gaudreau's season where he improved on his 2019-20 offensive production and paced the team with 19 goals and 49 points. He closed the season with a five-game scoring streak and totalled 22 points over the final 16 tilts of the campaign, finding his way onto the scoresheet in 14 contests between April 10 and the finish line.

A promising development that could carry into next season was a reshuffling of the winger's linemates, with Gaudreau skating alongside Elias Lindholm, who finished second on the club in scoring with 47 points — the second-best point-per-game scoring clip of his career — and Matthew Tkachuk, who closed the season on an impressive five-game scoring streak and had 12 points in the final eight games.

"I felt really comfortable playing with those two guys," said Gaudreau. "They're both really smart, talented hockey players. They've done a great job in this league for a while now. It was great to play with (Tkachuk). I never really got the opportunity to do that in the four, five, six years we've been together on this team. But whether it's playing with (Tkachuk) and (Lindholm) or (Sean Monahan), you need to find a line that you feel comfortable with and create some chemistry with and try to take off from there. That's what happened with us after getting put together."

The campaign also saw the emergence of Andrew Mangiapane as a premier player in the NHL, the forward having a career year in nearly every scoring metric. Despite the shortened runway of the 2020-21 slate, the winger found the back of the net a career-best 18 times and matched his previously-set high-water mark of 32 points, needing 12 fewer games to pull the trick than the prior season. He also showed an inclination to rise up in big moments, netting four game-winners, and had five goals and six points in the final five games of the season.

On the blueline, the Flames once again got a steady performance from Giordano and saw young defenceman Rasmus Andersson increase his role on the club with a promotion to the top pairing. Newcomer Chris Tanev and familiar face Noah Hanifin formed a formidable second pairing, and young rearguards Juuso Valimaki and Connor Mackey earned valuable experience that could pay dividends in years to come.

Milan Lucic 1,000 games played

Mark Giordano 900 games played

Mikael Backlund 700 games played

"In the second half we started playing with a lot more pace, quicker, and we've got to continue to do those things," said Giordano. "This season was obviously unique with the 56-game schedule. We did a lot of good things down the stretch. Losing eight out of nine games (in late March to early April) hurt us big time, but we did do certain things that we want to continue into next year and build on that."

Backstopping Calgary was prized free-agent acquisition Jacob Markstrom, who finished second in the NHL with 43 games on his time card. He posted a 2.68 Goals Against Average and .904 Save Percentage, but it was his strong start up until sustaining a injury that caught Treliving's attention, with the GM attributing much of the club's early season success to Markstrom's play between the pipes.

"As a team and as a group, we've got a lot of work to do in the summer," said Markstrom. "We've got to play better, everyone. This summer is big. But as a group and as a whole, I've got full belief in this group and I think this group can be really successful and go deep in the playoffs."

There was also the impressive play of Dillon Dube, who recorded career bests in every scoring category while notching his first hat-trick and pitching in on special teams, the addition of a pair of draft picks at the trade deadline, and NHL auditions from prospects Glenn Gawdin, Adam Ruzicka and Matthew Phillips. ■

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CANADIAN ARMED FORCES APPRECIATION NIGHT

MARCH 27, 2021

2020-21 SEASON
GAME-BY-GAME

REGULAR SEASON RECORD | 26-27-3 | 55 POINTS

SEASON OPENER

GAME 1 | JAN. 14

3
CGY
AT
WPG
4
OT

FIRST GAME IN CONDENSED 56-GAME SCHEDULE DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

GAME 2
JAN. 16

3
CGY
VS
VAN
0

MARKSTROM RECORDED HIS FIRST SHUTOUT AS A FLAME

GAME 3
JAN. 18

5
CGY
VS
VAN
2

GAME 4
JAN. 24

2

VS

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS

3

GAME 5
JAN. 26

3

VS

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS

4

GAME 6
JAN. 28

2

AT

4

GAUDREAU MOVED INTO 10TH PLACE AMONGST SCORING LEADERS FOR THE FLAMES FRANCHISE WITH HIS 453 CAREER POINT

GAME 7
JAN. 30

2

AT

0

GIORDANO PLAYED HIS 900TH CAREER GAME

GAME 8
FEB. 1

4

AT

3
SO

GAME 9
FEB. 2

2

AT

3

GAME 10
FEB. 4

1

AT

4

BACKLUND SKATED IN HIS 700TH CAREER GAME

GAME 11
FEB. 6

6

VS

4

HANIFIN PLAYED HIS 400TH CAREER GAME

GAUDREAU REGISTERED HIS 300TH ASSIST

GAME 12
FEB. 9

3

VS

2

GAME 13
FEB. 11

3

AT

1

GAME 14
FEB. 13

1

AT

3

MACKEY PLAYED IN HIS FIRST NHL GAME

GAME 15
FEB. 15

4

AT

3

OT

GAME 16
FEB. 17

1

VS

5

GAME 17
FEB. 19

1

VS

2

GAME 18
FEB. 20

1

AT

7

GAWDIN SKATED IN HIS FIRST NHL GAME

GAME 19
FEB. 22

3

AT

0

TKACHUK SCORED HIS 100TH CAREER GOAL

GAME 20
FEB. 24

1

AT

2
OT

GAME 21
FEB. 25

1

AT

6

GAME 22
FEB. 27

6

AT

3

GAME 23
MAR. 1

1

AT

5

GAME 24
MAR. 4

7

VS

3

GAME 25
MAR. 6

2

AT

3

GAME 26
MAR. 7

3

VS

4
SO

GAME 27
MAR. 11

2

VS

1

DARREL SUTTER RETURNS AS HEAD COACH

GAME 28
MAR. 13

3

VS

1

MONAHAN SCORED HIS 200TH CAREER GOAL

GAME 29
MAR. 15

4

VS

3

GAME 30
MAR. 17

3

VS

7

GAME 31
MAR. 19

4

AT

3

GAME 32
MAR. 20

0

AT

2

GAME 33
MAR. 22

1

AT

2

DUBE PLAYED IN HIS 100TH CAREER GAME

GAME 34
MAR. 24

1

AT

3

GAME 35
MAR. 26

2

VS

3

GAME 36
MAR. 27

4

VS

2

GAUDREAU PLAYED HIS 500TH GAME

TANEV RECORDED HIS 100TH CAREER ASSIST

GAME 37
MAR. 29

1

VS

5

LEIVO SKATED IN HIS 200TH GAME

GAME 38
APR. 2

2

AT

3

GAME 39
APR. 4

2

VS

4

GIORDANO RECORDED HIS 500TH CAREER POINT

GAME 40
APR. 5

3

VS

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS

5

MARKSTROM PLAYED HIS 300TH CAREER GAME

ANDERSSON PLAYED HIS 200TH CAREER GAME

GAME 41
APR. 10

5

VS

OILERS

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GAME 42
APR. 13

3

AT

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS

2
OT

LUCIC PLAYED HIS 1,000TH GAME

GAME 43
APR. 14

4

AT

1

GAME 44
APR. 16

1

AT

2

GAME 45
APR. 19

2

VS

4

FLAMES CELEBRATE LUCIC'S 1,000TH GAME ON HOME ICE

GAME 46
APR. 23

4

VS

2

GAME 47
APR. 24

5

VS

2

HOCKEY FIGHTS CANCER GAME

GAME 48
APR. 26

1

VS

2

GAME 49
APR. 29

3

AT

1

GAME 50
MAY 1

1

AT

4

GAME 51
MAY 5

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VS

4

GAME 52
MAY 9

6

VS

1

GAME 53
MAY 13

4

VS

1

GAME 54
MAY 16

6

AT

5
OT

RUZICKA PLAYED IN HIS FIRST CAREER NHL GAME

GAME 55
MAY 18

2

AT

4

GAME 56
MAY 19

6

VS

2

PHILLIPS PLAYED IN HIS FIRST CAREER NHL GAME

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CALGARY FLAMES

CONNOR MACKEY

POSITION: Defence
SHOOTS: Left
HEIGHT: 6'2"
WEIGHT: 193 lbs.
DOB: Sep. 12, 1996
BIRTHPLACE: Barrington, IL
DRAFTED: Signed as a free agent March 20, 2020

2020-21 STATS

GAMES PLAYED	6
GOALS	1
ASSISTS	2
POINTS	3

It didn't take long for Mackey to make an impact with the Flames as the rookie blueliner made the team's roster out of his first training camp and notched his first NHL point in his second game, an assist against Vancouver on Feb. 15. After skating in all 30 games with the AHL's Stockton Heat, Mackey rejoined the Flames for the final stretch and tallied his first NHL goal in the season-finale against the Canucks. He finished his first pro season with six games played with the Flames, scoring a goal and adding two assists with 20 penalty minutes and a plus-3 rating.

MACKEY

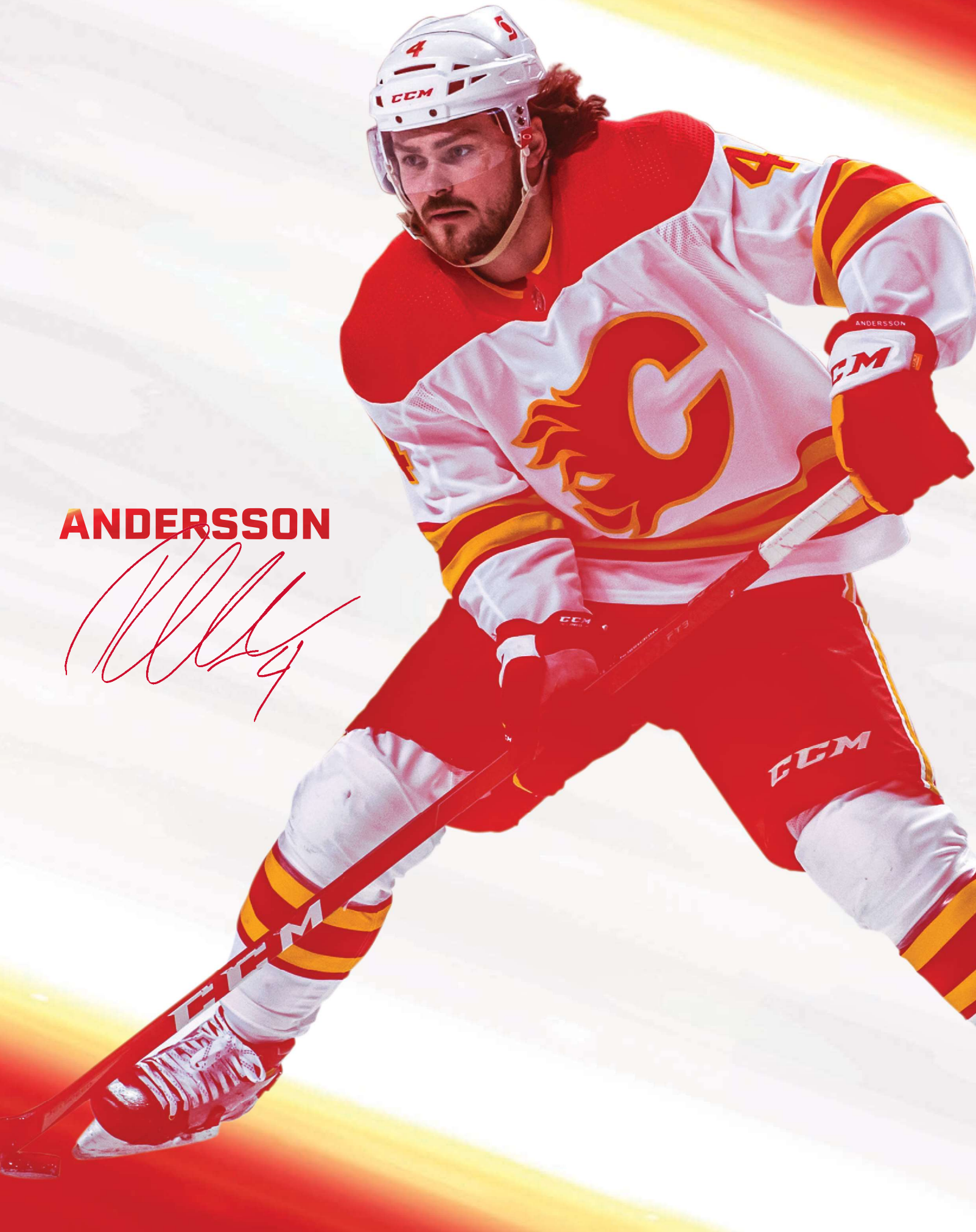
RASMUS ANDERSSON

POSITION: Defence
SHOOTS: Right
HEIGHT: 6'1"
WEIGHT: 207 lbs.
DOB: Oct. 27, 1996
BIRTHPLACE: Mälmo, SWE
DRAFTED: Selected by Calgary in the second round (53rd overall) in the 2015 NHL Draft

Andersson saw his role with the Flames increase as he was elevated to the top pairing to start the year alongside team captain Mark Giordano, playing in all 56 games and finishing with a career-best scoring pace at 21 points in 56 games. The Swedish defenceman matched his career best with five goals on the year despite the shortened schedule while earning duties on the powerplay and notching his first-career man-up goal on Jan. 28 at Montreal. Andersson logged 21:13 of average ice time per game and finished second among Flames defencemen with 49 hits to his credit.

2020-21 STATS

GAMES PLAYED	56
GOALS	5
ASSISTS	16
POINTS	21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MARK GIORDANO

POSITION: Defence
SHOOTS: Left
HEIGHT: 6'1"
WEIGHT: 202 lbs.
DOB: Oct. 3, 1983
BIRTHPLACE: Toronto, ON
DRAFTED: Undrafted free agent signed by the Calgary Flames in 2004

The captain enjoyed another strong season along the blueline, leading Flames skaters in time on ice and finishing second among Calgary's rearguards with a plus-5 rating. Giordano also led the way for Flames defencemen in goals (9), powerplay goals (4), assists (17) scoring (26 points) while playing in all 56 games. In the defensive end, Giordano tallied the most blocked shots on the club with 110 and paced his position with 51 hits.

2020-21 STATS

GAMES PLAYED	56
GOALS	9
ASSISTS	17
POINTS	26

GIORDANO
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SUPER TACKS

JUUSO VALIMAKI

POSITION: Defence
SHOOTS: Left
HEIGHT: 6'2"
WEIGHT: 209 lbs.
DOB: Oct. 6, 1998
BIRTHPLACE: Nokia, FIN
DRAFTED: Selected by Calgary in the first round (16th overall) in the 2017 NHL draft

2020-21 STATS

GAMES PLAYED	49
GOALS	2
ASSISTS	9
POINTS	11

In his return from an ACL injury that required him to miss the full 2019-20 season, Valimaki skated in 49 games while finishing the campaign with a pair of goals and nine assists to go with 26 penalty minutes. Valimaki finished second among Flames defencemen to feature in more than half of the season's games with a 54.1% Corsi-For mark and was second among that same group with 2.9 Goals For per 60, trailing only captain Mark Giordano.

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VALIMAKI
VALIMAKI
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CHRIS TANEV

POSITION: Defence
SHOOTS: Right
HEIGHT: 6'2"
WEIGHT: 196 lbs.
DOB: Dec. 20, 1989
BIRTHPLACE: Toronto, ON
DRAFTED: Signed as a free agent on October 9, 2020

Tanev, who joined the Flames as a free agent, had a strong year along the blueline with a team-best, career-high plus-15 rating and fired a career-best 66 shots on goal through 56 games. The defenceman logged a career low six penalty minutes on the year and notched his lowest Expected Goals Against mark of his career at 12.5. He finished second among the defensive group with an average of 21:44 time on ice per game and led Calgary's roster among players with 10 or more games played at just 1.5 even strength Goals Against per 60.

2020-21 STATS

GAMES PLAYED	56
GOALS	2
ASSISTS	10
POINTS	12

TANEV
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CCM
NHL
bauer

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DEREK RYAN

POSITION: Right Wing
SHOOTS: Right
HEIGHT: 5'11"
WEIGHT: 183 lbs.
DOB: Dec. 29, 1986
BIRTHPLACE: Spokane, WA
DRAFTED: Signed as an unrestricted free agent on July 1, 2018

Ryan, winner of the club's Peter Maher Good Guy Award as voted on by local media and annually awarded to the Flames player who best demonstrates sincerity, integrity, dedication and respect, totaled a pair of goals and 11 assists in his third season in Calgary. Ryan, who appeared in 43 games on the year, saved arguably his best performance of the season for last with a season-high three points, all assists, in the May 19 finale against Vancouver. The centreman finished with three multi-point efforts on the campaign.

2020-21 STATS

GAMES PLAYED	43
GOALS	2
ASSISTS	11
POINTS	13

RYAN

11

MIKAEL BACKLUND

POSITION: Centre
SHOOTS: Left
HEIGHT: 6'0"
WEIGHT: 206 lbs.
DOB: Mar. 17, 1989
BIRTHPLACE: Vasteras, SWE
DRAFTED: Selected by Calgary in the first round (24th overall) in the 2007 NHL Draft

2020-21 STATS

GAMES PLAYED	54
GOALS	9
ASSISTS	23
POINTS	32

Backlund was recognized as the Flames' King Clancy Award nominee, a league-wide honour bestowed annually to the player "who best exemplifies leadership qualities on and off the ice and has made a noteworthy humanitarian contribution in his community." On the ice, Backlund enjoyed his strongest season at the faceoff dot since 2009-10, going 51.95% on draws. The centre added nine goals and 32 points to the Flames' tally and pitched in on special teams with six powerplay assists, a short-handed goal and short-handed helper.

BACKLUND
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CCM
Bauer
RIBCOR

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JOHNNY GAUDREAU

POSITION: Left Wing
SHOOTS: Left
HEIGHT: 5'9"
WEIGHT: 155 lbs.
DOB: Aug. 13, 1993
BIRTHPLACE: Salem, NJ
DRAFTED: Selected by Calgary in the fourth round (104th overall) in the 2011 NHL Draft

2020-21 STATS

GAMES PLAYED	56
GOALS	19
ASSISTS	30
POINTS	49

Gaudreau carried the load for Calgary on the offensive end in 2020-21, leading the Flames in goals (19), assists (30), points (49), powerplay goals (7), powerplay points (19) and game-winning goals (5). The seven scores on the man-advantage represent his second-best total for a season in his career, trailing only his eight in 2014-15. Gaudreau played in his 500th NHL game on March 27, a 4-2 win, and registered an assist. He totaled 11 multi-point efforts in 56 games on the year and closed the season on a strong scoring run, notching 21 points and six goals over the final 16 games. Entering 2021-22, Gaudreau has 494 career points.

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BAUER
JETSPEED
GAUDREAU
13

17

MILAN LUCIC

POSITION: Left Wing
SHOOTS: Left
HEIGHT: 6'3"
WEIGHT: 236 lbs.
DOB: Jun. 7, 1988
BIRTHPLACE: Vancouver, BC
DRAFTED: Traded from Edmonton on July 19, 2019

Lucic, nominated for the Bill Masterton Memorial Trophy awarded annually to the NHL player who best exemplifies the qualities of perseverance, sportsmanship and dedication to hockey, reached the 1,000-games-played mark on April 13 and celebrated in the most appropriate fashion, dropping the gloves and adding an assist in a 3-2 overtime win over the Toronto Maple Leafs. 'Looch' posted his best offensive season since 2017-18 in the shortened campaign, registering 23 points with 10 goals while skating in all 56 contests. The veteran led the club with 139 hits and four fights on the season and finished second among Flames forwards group with 46 penalty minutes.

2020-21 STATS

GAMES PLAYED	56
GOALS	10
ASSISTS	13
POINTS	23

LUCIC
17
CCM
17
WARRIOR
ALPHA
BAUER

MATTHEW TKACHUK

POSITION: Left Wing
SHOOTS: Left
HEIGHT: 6'2"
WEIGHT: 206 lbs.
DOB: Dec. 11, 1997
BIRTHPLACE: Scottsdale, AZ
DRAFTED: Selected by Calgary in the first round (6th overall) in the 2016 NHL Draft

2020-21 STATS

GAMES PLAYED	56
GOALS	16
ASSISTS	27
POINTS	43

One of eight Flames iron men to skate in all 56 games on the season, Tkachuk finished third on the club in scoring with 43 points, including 16 goals – fourth-best on Calgary's tab – while closing out the season with six goals and nine points in the final five games. Tkachuk registered a team-high 55 penalty minutes, and tied for third on the roster with four powerplay goals in the campaign. The fifth-year pro wore the 'A' as an alternate captain for the third consecutive season, finished second on the club with a 56.6% Corsi For mark and second among Flames regulars with 3.2 Goals For per 60 at even strength. He hit a pair of milestones on the season, skating in his 300th NHL game on Jan. 30 and scoring his 100th goal on Feb. 22.

TKACHUK

JOAKIM NORDSTROM

POSITION: Centre
SHOOTS: Left
HEIGHT: 6'2"
WEIGHT: 198 lbs.
DOB: Feb. 25, 1992
BIRTHPLACE: Stockholm, SWE
DRAFTED: Signed as a free agent on October 19, 2020

In his first season with the Flames, Nordstrom matched his career best with a plus-1 rating in 44 games played while adding a goal and six assists. Nordstrom closed the season with three points, all assists, in the final four games and scored his goal on April 4 against Toronto. The forward finished fourth among Flames regulars with 1.9 Goals Against per 60 at even strength, was fourth on the roster with 92 hits to his credit, and blocked the third-most shots among Flames forwards with 30.

2020-21 STATS

GAMES PLAYED	44
GOALS	1
ASSISTS	6
POINTS	7

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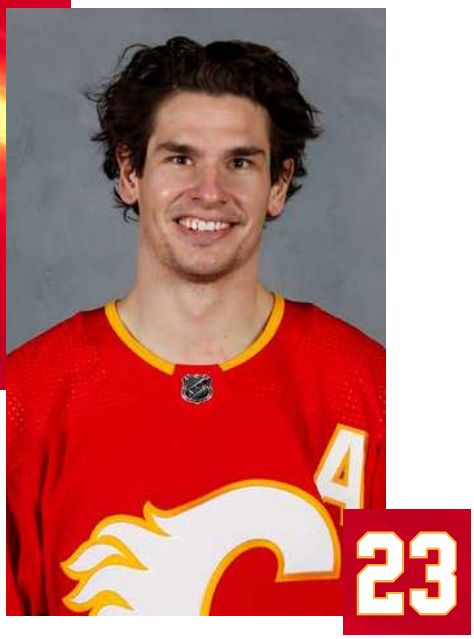

SEAN MONAHAN

POSITION: Centre
SHOOTS: Left
HEIGHT: 6'2"
WEIGHT: 200 lbs.
DOB: Oct. 12, 1994
BIRTHPLACE: Brampton, ON
DRAFTED: Selected by Calgary in the first round (6th overall) in the 2013 NHL Draft

Monahan got off to a strong start to the 2020–21 season, bursting out of the gate with a five–game scoring streak in which he amassed seven points and two goals in the early running. The centre completed the season with 28 points and 10 goals in 50 games played before being shut down due to injury. Monahan, who totaled seven multi–point games on the year, tied for third on the team with four powerplay goals and tied for the team lead with five game–winning goals.

2020–21 STATS

GAMES PLAYED	50
GOALS	10
ASSISTS	18
POINTS	28

MONAHAN
23

BRETT RITCHIE

POSITION: Right Wing
SHOOTS: Right
HEIGHT: 6'4"
WEIGHT: 220 lbs.
DOB: Jul. 1, 1993
BIRTHPLACE: Orangeville, ON
DRAFTED: Signed as a free agent on January 17, 2021

2020-21 STATS

GAMES PLAYED	32
GOALS	4
ASSISTS	4
POINTS	8

Ritchie earned a contract with the Flames after attending pre-season camp on a tryout and posted his best scoring pace for a season since 2016-17, finishing the year with eight points and four goals in 32 games played. Ritchie skated in his 300th NHL game in the season finale against Vancouver, marking the occasion with his strongest effort of the year with three points on a goal and two assists, his second multi-point effort in a Flames sweater.

RITCHIE

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JACOB MARKSTROM

POSITION: Goaltender
CATCHES: Left
HEIGHT: 6'5"
WEIGHT: 205 lbs.
DOB: Jan. 31, 1990
BIRTHPLACE: Gävle, SWE
DRAFTED: Signed as a free agent on October 9, 2020

2020-21 STATS

GAMES PLAYED	43
GAA	2.68
SAVE%	.904
SHUTOUTS	3

Markstrom minded the Flames' net in 43 of 56 games on the year, finishing his first season wearing the Flaming C with a 22-19-2 record, 2.68 Goals Against Average and .904 Save Percentage. Markstrom had a career-best three shutouts despite the shortened season, including a 32-save blanking of his former club in his Scotiabank Saddledome debut, a 3-0 win over Vancouver. He made a season-high 43 saves against the Canucks on Feb. 13, and was particularly strong on the road with a .915 Save Percentage in 19 games. Markstrom played in his 300th NHL game on April 5 against Toronto and finished second among NHL netminders with his 43-game workload.

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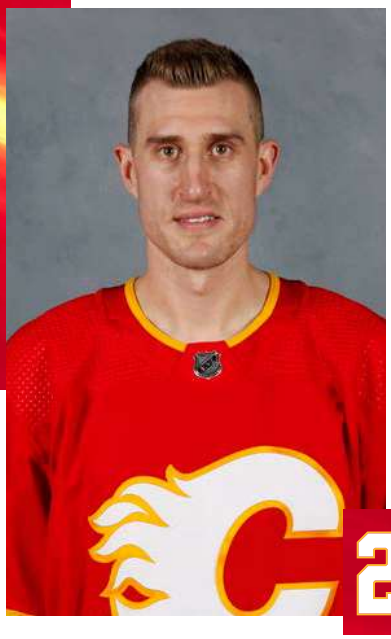

MICHAEL STONE

POSITION: Defence
SHOOTS: Right
HEIGHT: 6'3"
WEIGHT: 209 lbs.
DOB: Jun. 7, 1990
BIRTHPLACE: Winnipeg, MB
DRAFTED: Traded from Arizona on February 20, 2017

2020-21 STATS

GAMES PLAYED	21
GOALS	2
ASSISTS	2
POINTS	4

After joining the team on a tryout at pre-season camp, Stone worked his way back into the Flames' lineup and skated in the team's final 21 contests. The veteran blue-liner finished with a pair of goals and four points and posted a career-best Corsi mark at 54.3%. Stone, who joined the Flames after spending four games with the AHL Stockton Heat, also earned career bests in Expected Goals Against (5.5) and Expected Plus-Minus (2.3).

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JOSH LEIVO

POSITION: Left Wing
SHOOTS: Right
HEIGHT: 6'2"
WEIGHT: 194 lbs.
DOB: May 26, 1993
BIRTHPLACE: Innisfil, ON
DRAFTED: Signed as a free agent on October 24, 2020

Leivo, in his first year with the Flames, added valued forward depth while appearing in 38 games and totaling six goals and nine points. The winger finished third among Flames regulars in even strength Goals Against per 60, finishing the season at 1.8. Leivo earned a 54.6 Corsi mark, the third-best season of his career by that metric, and he finished his season strong with a multi-point effort - his second of the season - with a goal and an assist on May 16 against Vancouver.

2020-21 STATS

GAMES PLAYED	38
GOALS	6
ASSISTS	3
POINTS	9

LEIVO
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WARRIOR
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ELIAS LINDHOLM

POSITION: Right Wing/Centre
SHOOTS: Right
HEIGHT: 6'1"
WEIGHT: 200 lbs.
DOB: Dec. 2, 1994
BIRTHPLACE: Boden, SWE
DRAFTED: Trade from Carolina on June 23, 2018

Lindholm finished second on the team with 47 points, tied alongside Johnny Gaudreau with 19 goals to pace the club on the year. He led Flames forwards with a plus-10 rating while skating in all 56 games and totaled 16 powerplay points, the second-highest tally on the team behind only Gaudreau. Lindholm also paced full-time Flames in Even Strength Goals per 60 at 3.4 and posted the lowest Expected Goals Against of his career at 14.4. At 5.4, Lindholm matched Gaudreau and Mark Giordano for highest point share among Flames skaters on the season and he led Flames forwards with 34 shots blocked.

2020-21 STATS

GAMES PLAYED	56
GOALS	19
ASSISTS	28
POINTS	47

LINDHOLM

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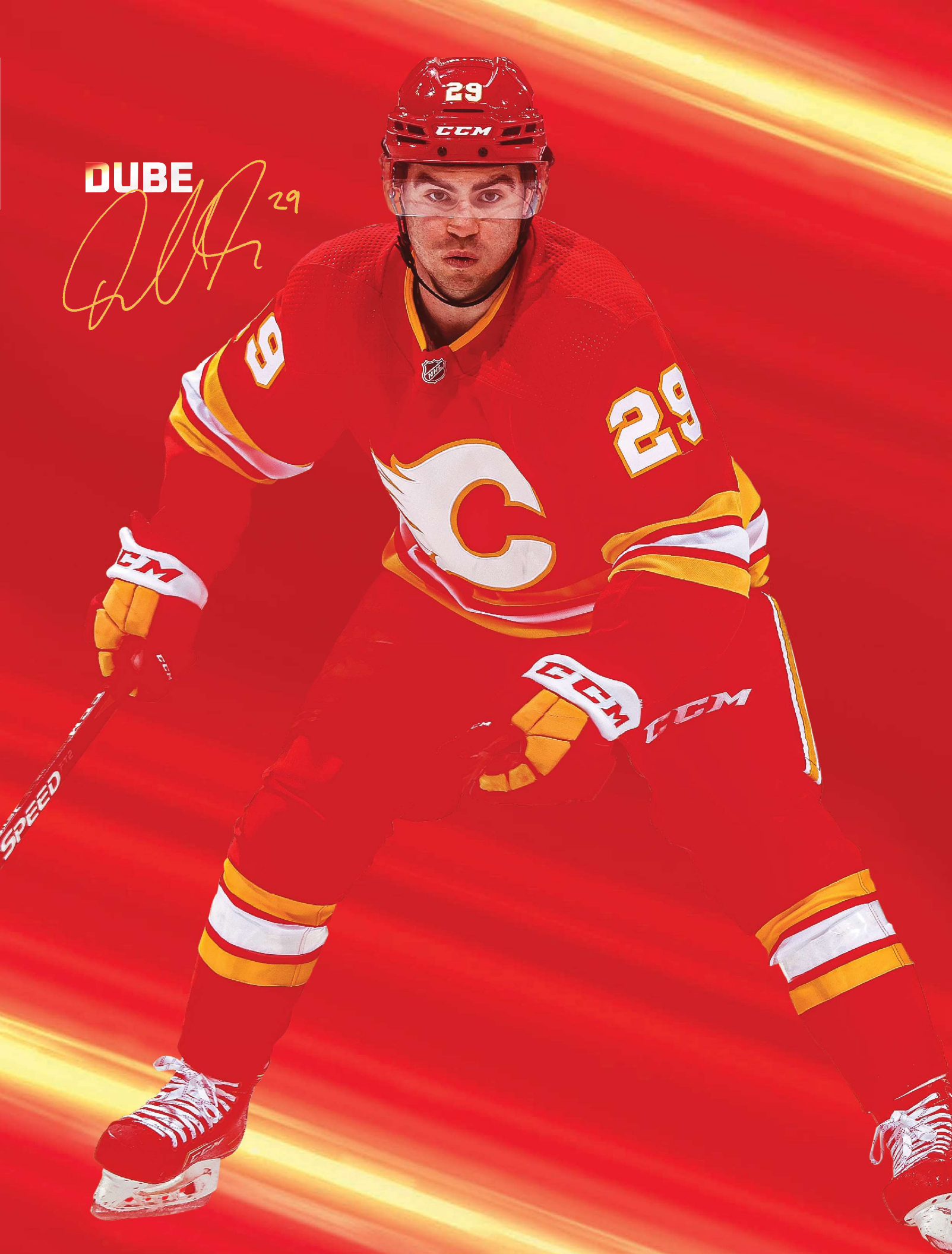
DILLON **DUBE**

POSITION: Centre
SHOOTS: Left
HEIGHT: 5'11"
WEIGHT: 187 lbs.
DOB: Jul. 20, 1998
BIRTHPLACE: Golden, BC
DRAFTED: Selected by Calgary in the second round (56th overall) in the 2016 NHL Draft

2020-21 STATS

GAMES PLAYED	51
GOALS	11
ASSISTS	11
POINTS	22

Dube enjoyed a breakout season in 2020-21, registering career highs in games played (51), goals (11), assists (11) and points (22). The winger also set new career-best marks with a pair of powerplay goals and 2.4 Expected Plus-Minus. He recorded his first professional hat-trick with three goals against the Ottawa Senators on March 4 and finished fourth among Flames forwards at 2.8 Even Strength Goals For per 60. Dube finished the season with four multi-point efforts, including a goal and an assist in the season finale against Vancouver.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ZAC RINALDO

POSITION: Centre
SHOOTS: Left
HEIGHT: 5'11"
WEIGHT: 187 lbs.
DOB: Jun. 15, 1990
BIRTHPLACE: Mississauga, ON
DRAFTED: Signed as a free agent on October 9, 2020

Rinaldo appeared in four games with the Flames in 2020–21, his second season with the club. He recorded a fight on March 7 in a game against Ottawa, his lone penalty minutes on the year. In his four games, Rinaldo was credited with 13 hits and a shot on goal.

2020–21 STATS

GAMES PLAYED	4
GOALS	0
ASSISTS	0
POINTS	0

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BAUER

BYRON FROESE

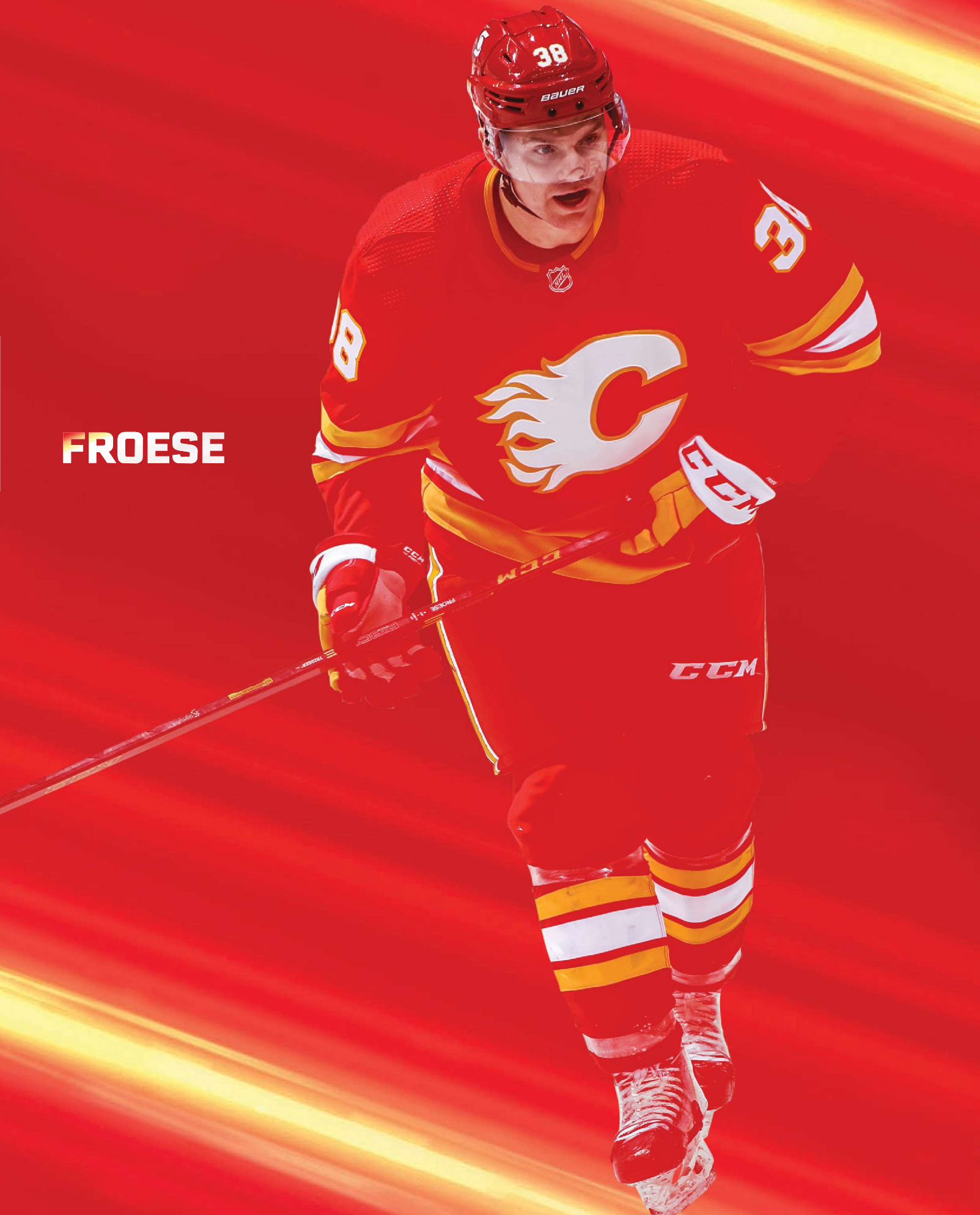
POSITION: Centre
SHOOTS: Right
HEIGHT: 6'1"
WEIGHT: 195 lbs.
DOB: Mar. 12, 1991
BIRTHPLACE: Winkler, MB
DRAFTED: Signed as an unrestricted free agent on July 1, 2019

Froese made his Flames debut on Feb. 6 against the Edmonton Oilers and notched his first goal with the club the following game, lighting the lamp in a 3–2 win against the Winnipeg Jets. Froese, who captained the AHL Stockton Heat in 15 games, scored four goals, including one game-winner, and totaled five points with the farm club on the year.

2020–21 STATS

GAMES PLAYED	6
GOALS	1
ASSISTS	0
POINTS	1

FROESE



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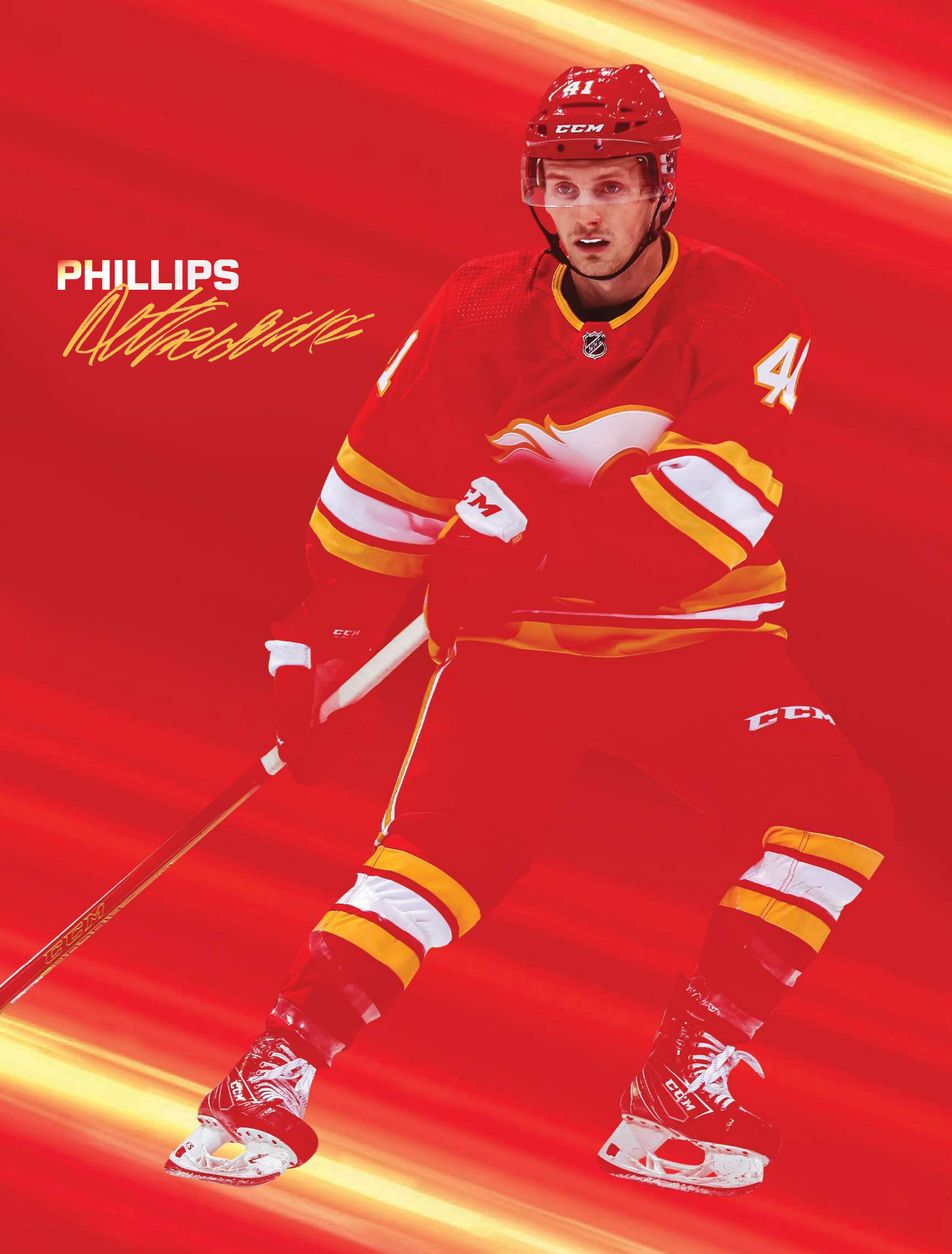
MATTHEW PHILLIPS

POSITION: Right Wing
SHOOTS: Right
HEIGHT: 5'7"
WEIGHT: 144 lbs.
DOB: Apr. 6, 1998
BIRTHPLACE: Calgary, AB
DRAFTED: Selected by Calgary in the sixth round (166th overall) in the 2016 NHL Draft

Calgary native Phillips made his NHL debut in the Flames' season finale on May 19 against Vancouver, firing a pair of shots on goal in 14:19 of ice time. Phillips tied for Stockton's team scoring lead along with Adam Ruzicka with 21 points and joined Connor Mackey in pacing the farm club with 13 assists. In the early running, Phillips became one of two players in Heat history, along with Ruzicka, to string together four consecutive multi-point games.

2020-21 STATS

GAMES PLAYED	1
GOALS	0
ASSISTS	0
POINTS	0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GLENN GAWDIN

POSITION: Centre
SHOOTS: Right
HEIGHT: 6'1"
WEIGHT: 194 lbs.
DOB: Mar. 25, 1997
BIRTHPLACE: Richmond, BC
DRAFTED: Signed as a free agent on November 11, 2017

Gawdin made his NHL debut on Feb. 20, logging 6:04 of ice time against the Edmonton Oilers. The centre skated in seven games with Calgary on the season and registered his first NHL point with an assist on May 9 against Ottawa. In 22 games with the Stockton Heat, Gawdin notched four goals and 13 points with one game-winner and one powerplay marker.

2020-21 STATS

GAMES PLAYED	7
GOALS	0
ASSISTS	1
POINTS	1

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BAUER
GAWDIN

ARTYOM ZAGIDULIN

POSITION: Goaltender
CATCHES: Left
HEIGHT: 6'2"
WEIGHT: 191 lbs.
DOB: Aug. 8, 1995
BIRTHPLACE: Magnitogorsk, RUS
DRAFTED: Signed as a free agent on April 19, 2019

Zagidulin got his first look at NHL action on February 25 against the Ottawa Senators, entering in relief and stopping nine pucks. In his second year in the organization, the Russian netminder also backstopped the Stockton Heat in six games, finishing his AHL stint on the season with a 2.89 Goals Against Average and .911 Save Percentage. He made a season-high 39 saves with Stockton twice, coming March 8 and March 13 against the Manitoba Moose.

2020-21 STATS

GAMES PLAYED	1
GAA	4.25
SAVE%	.818
SHUTOUTS	0

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BUDDY ROBINSON

POSITION: Right Wing
SHOOTS: Right
HEIGHT: 6'6"
WEIGHT: 222 lbs.
DOB: Sep. 30, 1991
BIRTHPLACE: Bellmawr, NJ
DRAFTED: Signed as a free agent on July 2, 2018

In his second season of action with the Flames, Robinson skated in nine contests. The big forward fired six shots on goal and registered 14 hits in those games. After bouncing back and forth from the taxi squad to the active roster throughout the season, Robinson has now skated in 21 games with Calgary over the past two seasons, netting a pair of goals and adding an assist.

2020-21 STATS

GAMES PLAYED	9
GOALS	0
ASSISTS	0
POINTS	0

ROBINSON
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NOAH HANIFIN

POSITION: Defence
SHOOTS: Left
HEIGHT: 6'3"
WEIGHT: 210 lbs.
DOB: Jan. 25, 1997
BIRTHPLACE: Boston, MA
DRAFTED: Trade from Carolina on June 23, 2018

The blueliner had a strong campaign with a career-best plus-minus, and 15 points with four goals in 47 games. The defenceman went from Jan. 14 to Feb. 2 without allowing an even-strength goal against, the longest such streak in the league at 151:48 of ice time. Hanifin skated in his 400th NHL game on Feb. 6 against Edmonton and logged 21:29 of ice time in a 6-4 win.

2020-21 STATS

GAMES PLAYED	47
GOALS	4
ASSISTS	11
POINTS	15

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BAUER
WARRIOR
HANIFIN
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OLIVER KYLINGTON

POSITION: Defence
SHOOTS: Left
HEIGHT: 6'0"
WEIGHT: 185 lbs.
DOB: May 19, 1997
BIRTHPLACE: Stockholm, SWE
DRAFTED: Selected by Calgary in the second round (60th overall) in the 2015 NHL Draft

Kylington logged eight games of work this season, earning a point with an assist on March 15 against Edmonton. The Swede has now played in 95 games in a Flames sweater, totaling 16 points and five goals with one game-winner and 26 penalty minutes. Calgary went 6-1-1 on the year with Kylington in the lineup.

2020-21 STATS

GAMES PLAYED	8
GOALS	0
ASSISTS	1
POINTS	1

KYLINGTON
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ADAM RUZICKA

POSITION: Centre
SHOOTS: Left
HEIGHT: 6'4"
WEIGHT: 221 lbs.
DOB: May 11, 1999
BIRTHPLACE: Bratislava, SVK
DRAFTED: Selected by Calgary in the fourth round (109th overall) in the 2017 NHL Draft

Ruzicka made his NHL debut with the Flames on May 16 against Vancouver and skated in each of the final three games of the season. The second-year pro earned his first NHL point on May 18 with an assist and saw his ice time increase in all three games. With AHL Stockton, Ruzicka appeared in 28 games and tied for the Heat lead with 21 points alongside Matthew Phillips, and he led the team with 11 goals on the year. He was the first player in Heat team history with four consecutive three-point outings.

2020-21 STATS

GAMES PLAYED	3
GOALS	0
ASSISTS	1
POINTS	1

RUZICKA

LOUIS DOMINGUE

POSITION: Goaltender
CATCHES: Right
HEIGHT: 6'4"
WEIGHT: 208 lbs.
DOB: Sep. 25, 2001
BIRTHPLACE: St-Hyacinthe, PQ
DRAFTED: Signed as a free agent on October 10, 2020

Domingue provided depth in net for the Flames and appeared in one game, stopping 20 shots against Vancouver on May 18. The goaltender also played in four games with the AHL's Stockton Heat prior to seeing action with the big club. Domingue played a key role in game prep for the team, serving as both practice goalie and on the taxi squad.

2020-21 STATS

GAMES PLAYED	1
GAA	3.12
SAVE%	.870
SHUTOUTS	0

DOMINGUE
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DOMINIK SIMON

POSITION: Right Wing
SHOOTS: Left
HEIGHT: 5'11"
WEIGHT: 181 lbs.
DOB: Aug. 8, 1994
BIRTHPLACE: Prague, CZE
DRAFTED: Signed as a free agent on October 22, 2020

Simon made his Flames debut on Jan. 16 against Vancouver and went on to skate in 11 games on the year. The forward also played in one game with AHL Stockton, appearing in the home finale for the farm club against the Belleville Senators. Simon blocked four shots and was credited with 12 hits in game action on the year.

2020-21 STATS

GAMES PLAYED	11
GOALS	0
ASSISTS	0
POINTS	0

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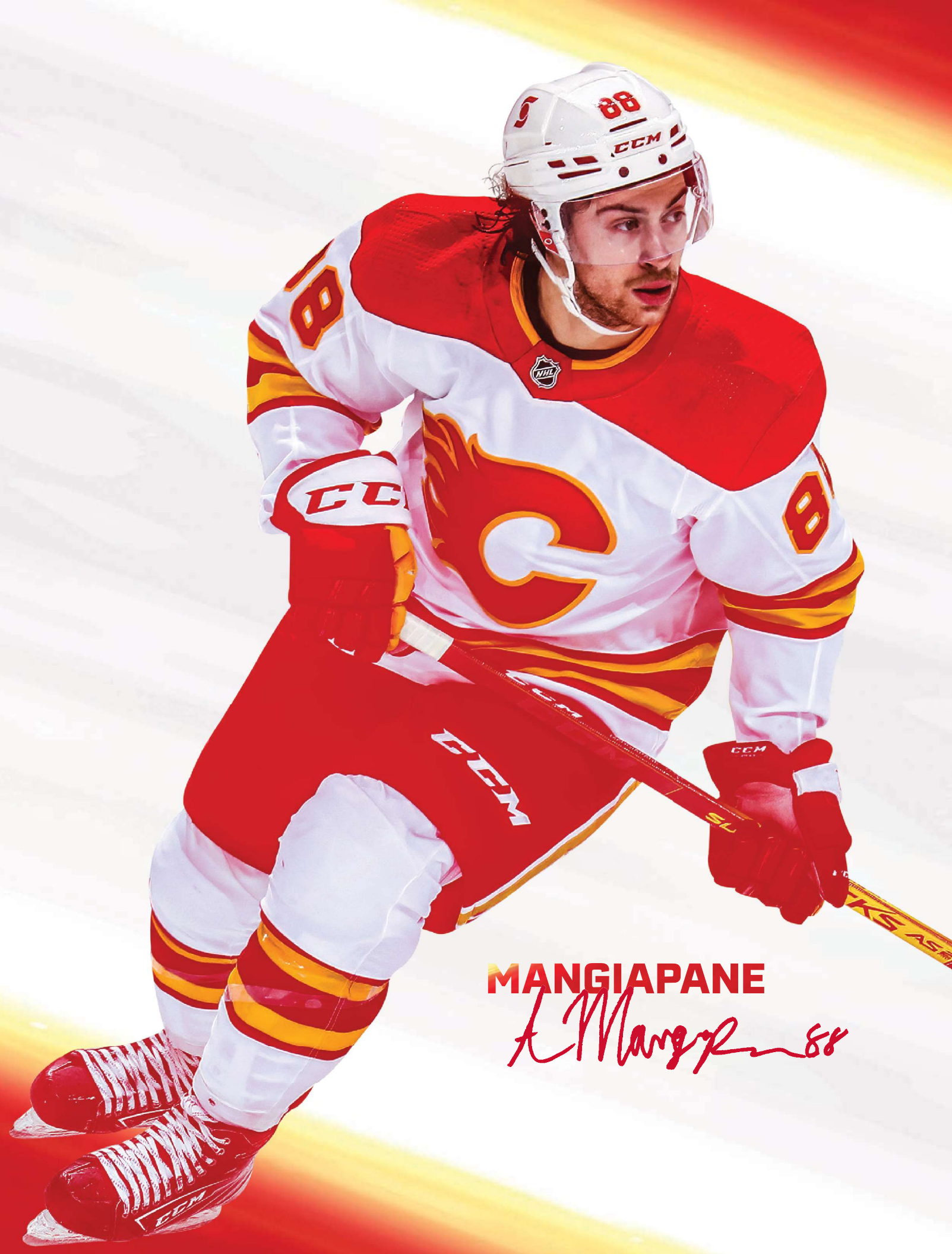
ANDREW MANGIAPANE

POSITION: Left Wing
SHOOTS: Left
HEIGHT: 5'10"
WEIGHT: 184 lbs.
DOB: Apr. 4, 1996
BIRTHPLACE: Bolton, ON
DRAFTED: Selected by Calgary in the sixth round (166th overall) in the 2015 NHL Draft

2020-21 STATS

GAMES PLAYED	56
GOALS	18
ASSISTS	14
POINTS	32

Mangiapane had his best season to date in his young career, matching his career high in scoring with 32 points while setting a new best with 18 goals and four game-winners in the 56-game slate. The winger also set bests in powerplay scoring with two goals and five points on the man-advantage, scored his first shorthanded goal in the NHL and led the Flames while sniping at 19.8% on the season. In the defensive end, Mangiapane finished second among Flames forwards with 33 blocked shots, and he finished with a 'plus' rating for the third consecutive season. He set a career high in time on ice with 18:25 against Vancouver on Jan. 18 and posted his highest average time on ice for a season in his career at 16:40.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NIKITA NESTEROV

POSITION: Defence
SHOOTS: Left
HEIGHT: 6'0"
WEIGHT: 194 lbs.
DOB: Mar. 28, 1993
BIRTHPLACE: Chelyabinsk, RUS
DRAFTED: Signed as a free agent on October 23, 2020

2020-21 STATS

GAMES PLAYED	38
GOALS	0
ASSISTS	4
POINTS	4

In Nesterov's return to the NHL following three seasons in Russia, the defenceman appeared in 38 games and tallied four assists. Nesterov made his Flames debut on Jan. 14 against Winnipeg and picked up his first point with the club on March 7 against Ottawa, the first of a three-points-in-five-game stretch. He finished third among Calgary defencemen with 41 hits on the year and tied for the team single-game high in hits with five on April 29 at Edmonton.

NESTEROV
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BAUER
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